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USEEC

EB FOR BARRACLOUGH
PASS ELECTRONICALLY STR FOR HEIMLICH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EEC, ETRD
SUBJECT: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON STEEL

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 13014, (B) STATE 168655

1. MISSION PASSED ON INFO IN REF B TO LOEFF. ON JULY 5,
HE CALLED TO SUGGEST MEETING IN GENEVA WITH BARRACLOUGH
AND HEIMLICH EITHER AROUND 6:00 P.M. ON JULY 11 OR THE
MORNING OF JULY 12.

2. AS TO COMMUNITY POSITION ON VARIOUS POINTS IN DRAFT
RESOLUTION AS DETAILED IN REF A, LOEFF SAID THAT
SITUATION HAS IMPROVED. ON JULY 4, HE DISCUSSED TEXT
WITH MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS. AS A RESULT, HE IS HAPPY TO
REPORT THAT THE FRG HAS REVISED ITS POSITION ENORMOUSLY.
OF GERMAN PROBLEMS LAID OUT IN PARA 12 OF RETEL A, ONLY
TWO REMAIN, I.E. FRG CONTINUES TO QUESTION THE USE OF THE
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WORD "FAIR" AND WOULD PREFER TO REPLACE THE WORD
"UNJUSTIFIABLY" WITH THE WORD "EXTREMELY" WITH RESPECT TO
PRICES.

3. ON THE TWO GENERAL PROBLEMS OF DURATION AND MEMBERSHIP,
LOEFF SAID THAT DURATION NO LONGER SEEMS TO BE AN ISSUE.
THE LANGUAGE ON PARTICIPATION WHICH U.S. SUGGESTED LAST

WEEK HAS MOVED THIS QUESTION IN A GOOD DIRECTION. HE MAY NEED TO COME BACK WITH SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT LANGUAGE OR MAY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IT AS IT NOW STANDS AND WILL KNOW FURTHER NEXT WEEK. HE RESTATED THAT THE LANGUAGE ON EXPORT RESTRAINTS CANNOT BE SOLD TO THE MEMBER STATES. ON EXPORT CREDIT LANGUAGE, HE SAID THE QUESTION IS OPEN AND HE CANNOT SEE THE OUTCOOE AT THIS POINT. THE PROBLEMS RAISED IN PARA 6 OF REFTTEL A REMAIN SIGNIFICANT AND NEED DISCUSSION BETWEEN US-EC. LOEFF WILL HAVE FURTHER SESSION WITH MEMBER STATES IN BRUSSELS MORNING OF JULY 11 WHICH WILL GIVE HIM CLEAR FIX ON MEMBER STATE VIEWS PRIOR TO US-EC TALKS.

4. IN SUMMARY, LOEFF SAID THAT WE SEEM TO BE PRETTY NEAR A CONCLUSION WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE WHOLE THING REMAINS UNDER THE CLOUD CAST BY THE OUTCOME OF US DISPOSITION OF THE PRE-TRIGGER PRICE ANTI-DUMPING CASES. HINTON

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